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The Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) keeps on providing house-to-house medical assistance in Nassiriyah.

Nassiriyah Camp Mittica (05.10.04). The positive experience, of the house-to-house assistance carried out by the Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) commanded by Col. Claudio D'Angelo has achieved very good results.

The people of An Nhassiriyah were very grateful towards the medical staff of MSU who succeeded in visiting at least ten patients (women, children and adults) in their ambulatories located at the periphery of the city.

Medical cures are very expensive and most of the patients couldn't afford to buy them so this represented a great opportunity to be visited carefully by competent doctors, for free and also to receive appropriate medicines to cure their illnesses at last.

Today the mobile medical unit has visited the community of Ashumuk located at the far south end of Nassiriyah.

A rich tribe leader offered a big room where the doctors visited over 80 patients (mostly women and new born babies).

Most of the young patients visited by the doctors suffered from very bad infections of the intestines, bronchitis, asthma, and skin diseases.

It is easy to deduce that these maladies are caused by the bad hygienic conditions these people live and that children are the most exposed to risk of contracting these kinds of illnesses.

The person in charge of the medical assistance for MSU distributed medicines with the relating explanatory notes in Arabic and there was also an interpreter in case of eventual queries ready to explain the instructions to the local people.

The most requested medicines were of [paediatric](#) kind which were generously donated by the widow of the of Brigadier Giuseppe Coletta of the Italian Carabinieri division, brutally killed together with other colleagues, during the terrorist attack against the MSU “Maestrone” base on the 12<sup>th</sup> November last year.

To make the check-up easier and more amusing for the children, the doctor gave them some toys.

For this reason all the toys generously donated by the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, that is really doing so much for these disadvantaged populations, have revealed to be very useful.